

Wit and Humor.

The quality of wit exists wherever imagination percolates through the understanding; the sediment is the grain of wit. But the quality of humor, depending upon various moral straits, exists only wherever a broad imagination is combined with a sweet and tolerant moral sense that is devoid of malice and all uncharitableness and at peace with all mankind. A petulant egotism may exist with wit, but never with humor. * * * Where there is no sense of incongruity there can be no sense of humor. That sense is man's expedient to make his mortality endurable. The laughter of man is the contentment of God.—John Weiss.

Official Oath in Siam.

If any form of oath is calculated to impress one, that which is prescribed to the state officials of Siam is likely to do so.

Each official on taking the oath of office has to say: "May the blood flow from my veins; may crocodiles devour me; may I be condemned to carry water to the flames of hell in vessels without bottoms; after death may I enter into the body of a slave; may I suffer the harshest treatments during all time in years as numerous as the sands of all the seas; may I be reborn deaf, dumb and blind and afflicted with dire maladies; may I also be thrown into Narak—the lower regions—and tortured by Prea Yam if I break this oath."

Prisoners of Verdun.

During the Napoleonic wars of more than a century ago Verdun was the principal camp for Britons taken prisoner by the French. The confinement of these prisoners was not strict, and they had much leisure. It is said, for gambling, duelling and even for love-making among the damsels of the province. Verdun was even coveted for getting the "keep" of these prisoners, and the mayor of Metz petitioned the French government for a share of them. Among these desirable Britons was Lord Yarmouth, said by some to be the original of the Marquis of Steyne in Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" and of Lord Monmouth in one of Disraeli's novels.

Birth of a Thunderstorm.

It is not unusual for the careful observer to see a thunderstorm born on the square granite head of Longs peak, in Colorado. First, out of the blue sky, a slight mist seems to gather. In a few moments, while you watch it, it becomes a tiny cloud. This grows with great rapidity. In five minutes, perhaps, the mountain top is hidden. Then, out of nothing apparently, the cloud swells and sweeps over the sky. Sometimes in fifteen minutes after the first tiny fleck of mist appears it is raining in the valley and possibly snowing on the mountain. In half an hour more it has cleared.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Loyal.

"I have no patience with Dublin. He sneers at Velasquez."
"Well, I don't care much for foreigners myself, but if Velasquez is a friend of yours I don't blame you for getting sore."

Mt. Pleasant

W. H. Dyer and wife of Greenview, Calif. are visiting at Mrs. Dyer's brother, John Huber.

Miss Nina Boyes of Albany is visiting with Mrs. G. H. Ray.

Lou Gerber of Pratum motored to the P. H. Lambert home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ray and daughters and Mrs. Linn Lambert motored to Albany Friday.

Frank Habberman and wife and Mrs. Fred MacIntyre and daughter motored to Salem Sunday.

Church services were well attended both morning and evening.

Lewis Ray returned home Saturday from the mountains with his sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brenner spent Sunday at the P. H. Lambert home.

Ed Smith, wife and daughters Dora and Maude, Fred Smith, H. R. Shank, wife and son Raymond, Gladys and Lula Downing, Zona Ray and Willis Huber spent Sunday at the Mrs. Roxie Shank home.

Mrs. W. R. Ray left Sunday for Lebanon to be with her mother Mrs. Ben Irvine, who is quite ill.

H. Senz and sons have purchased

Kingston Kinks

P. Bursen of Stayton is sawing wood in this vicinity this week.

Tom Fleming was a Stayton visitor Monday.

Robt. Darby and wife were

School Notes

The High School Penmanship Class numbers twenty-one, the majority of which are taking up the work with the A. N. Palmer Co. and working for a Diploma at the end of the school year.

The High School Art Class is much larger than last year and the work promises to be much better as well as more interesting. We are glad to see so many taking up the cultural lines as well as the heavier subjects.

The Glee Club work is to be made up entirely of ladies' voices this year and we hope to make a goodly showing and be able to present some good numbers to the public before the year is finished.

The high school orchestra has begun practice with eight members.

Two new members were enrolled in the high school this week. They are Selmer Brown of Aumsville, and Stella Wagner, who has lately come from Indiana. This makes 67 in the high.

The Freshmen are studying "Twice Told Tales", and the Sophomores the "The Vision of Sir Launfal".

Miss Crabtree has 36 pupils enrolled, 18 in the eighth and 18 in the seventh grades.

Darrell Down and Dorothy and Lyle Shreve have gone to Portland.

The 7th and 8th grades won 3 blues, 5 red and 5 white ribbons at the school fair.

Miss Marshall has 41 pupils enrolled in the 5th and 6th grades. The average attendance has been 97% the first month. A number won prizes at the fair.

Miss Hollister has 30 pupils enrolled, and the average attendance has been 99% the past month. Six blue and 3 red ribbons were their share at the school fair.

Harry Mutschler has stopped school, having gone south with his parents.

Floyd Hamman entered the 4th grade Monday.

Mrs. Pratt reports that the first graders are taking up her new system of phonics. She has 21 pupils in each grade, 1st and 2nd. The attendance has been 98.4%. The children are much interested in the autumn nature study. Eight from her room entered exhibits at the fair and won 4 blue, 2 red and 2 white ribbons.

Sunday guests at the Liston Darby home.

Jungwirth Bros. of Jordan hulled clover at the Titus Archer place Monday.

G. F. Harold, Raleigh Harold and John Sandner Jr. went to Independence Tuesday to attend the registered Jersey cattle sale.

C. C. Beers of Lyons was a business visitor at the Curtis Cole home Saturday. Mr. Beers purchased a registered Short-horn bull from Mr. Cole.

Peter Rundt purchased a new Ford of O. M. Baker this week.

The dairy inspector was around through this part of the country this week.

Ralph Cole visited home folks in Bilyeu Den Sunday.

Mike Bilyeu of Jordan purchased a new Ford of O. M. Baker last week.

Dudley Bates is building a new house this fall.

Dr. Beauchamp of Stayton was called to the Curtis Cole home Monday to see little Howard, who is suffering with an attack of bronchitis but is reported better.

Jake Neibert of Stayton visited at the McKenzie home Thursday where purchased two buck sheep.

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chased a saw mill.

Josie Kloeer called at Lee Downing's Sunday.

F. X. Hottinger has the hay bailers this week.

Lyons and Fox Valley

Wedding bells are ringing in Lyons. Joseph W. Wheatman and Sarah A. Woodworth were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at noon Monday, Oct. 9 at the home of the bride's mother in the presence of numerous friends and relatives. The Rev. J. S. VanWinkle performed the ceremony. The out-of-town guests that were present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Strem, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Strem and Mr. and Mrs. J. Severson of Silver Cliff and Mrs. Wheatman, H. Wheatman, Miss Lelia Wheatman and Miss Mary Brown of Aumsville. A lively serenade was given the young couple by the young folks of Mehama and Lyons. Their many friends wish them a long and happy wedded life.

The S. P. depot at Lyons is receiving a new coat of paint.

The new school house at Lyons is to be dedicated Sat. Oct. 24.

The Rev. VanWinkle preached his first sermon at Lyons and Mehama to an appreciative audience.

Mrs. Wiley died, after a long illness, at the residence of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Monroe, Oct. 10 and was buried at 2 o'clock Wed. afternoon in the Fox Valley cemetery.

Cole School

The Cole School opened Monday Oct. 2 with an enrollment of 38 pupils. They all seem anxious to work after their summer vacation, and if they continue to be faithful and active will reach somewhere in the next eight months.

Quite a number of pupils were absent Monday and Tuesday on account of sickness.

Ed Maertz and family and Caelia Bell motored to Portland Monday, returning home Tuesday.

Misses Maysel Montgomery, Winnie and Nina Darby visited with Elsie Limbeck Sunday.

Rock Point

C. J. Hunt is busy moving to the Henry Miller farm. We are sorry to lose them from the neighborhood.

Jeptha Hunt of Oakland visited his uncle, J. T. Hunt, last week.

Jake Schmitt is working for C. P. Durst.

Jos. Zuber has moved on the B. Klecker farm.

E. C. Downing and family visited relatives in Silverton Sunday.

Miss Helen Hunt spent her vacation at home last week.

B. L. Steeves and family of Salem spent Sunday at the J. T. Hunt home.

J. J. Staiger and wife motored to Salem Tuesday.

This district was well represented at the Stayton School Fair.

Jake Etzel has moved on the Chas. Fischer farm.

Caelia Bell is visiting relatives in Portland this week.

Our school has twenty enrolled this year.

Union Hill

J. Kimsey and Geo. Scott made a business trip to Salem Tuesday.

N. Johnson and family are moving to Silverton where they expect to live in the future.

Mrs. W. D. Hurt spent Thursday and Friday at the Ed Tate home.

*Geo. Scott and family and Will Carter and family spent Sunday at the N. Johnson home.

A farewell party was given to the Johnson family Tuesday night. All reported a good time.

W. D. Hurt made a business trip to Salem Saturday.

West Stayton

School opened Monday with Prof. Hiron and Mrs. L. Walker as teachers.

C. F. Loose and wife entertained a party of friends at their home Sunday evening.

Wes Gentry, Harry Porter, Oliver Forrette and Leonard Walker attended the Round-Up at McMinnville last Thursday.

Mr. Councilman and family were trading with Stayton merchants Saturday.

Mr. Spoon and family have moved to Colorado.

Nick Schmitz and wife called at the John VanEyckern home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Wolf called on Mrs. A. Forrette Wednesday.

Andy Shaab and family moved on the Walter Shafft place last week.

Bruce Bowne cut ensilage the first of the week.

Frank Wolf and family visited at the Arthur Forrette home Sunday.

Mill City Locals

A school fair was held here last Friday. Supt. Jackson of Linn Co. and Supt. Smith of Marion were both present.

H. Hollingsworth is the owner of a new Ford.

Chas. Sullivan and wife and Misses Florence Tripp and Unis Lewis returned from the huckleberry patch last Tuesday, they reported that it snowed every day they were there.

Dewy Flatman and Maude Berry were married in Albany last Saturday.

The B. B. B. club met at the home of Mrs. O. R. Olin last Thursday.

John A. Shaw was a visitor here last Thursday.

Mrs. Laura Daws of Portland is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Clark left for Salem Tuesday.

Mr. Wizner is back to work and T. B. Mores, who was taking his place left for Albany Monday.

There was a Negro Minstrel here last Friday evening, a dance was given afterwards.

When you think you have reached the point of human perfection it is time to back up and take a fresh start—you need it.

When a dog hollers it makes a big noise. And that is about all you can say of some people when they open their mouths.

Editors as a rule thrive on adverse criticism. And that, perhaps accounts for their mental poise and angelic dispositions.

It pays to keep your eyes on two spots—the advertising pages of this paper and the stores of the merchants who advertise.

We have some deep rooted convictions on what this country ought or ought not to do. But they are ours and we are going to keep them. You can do the same.

Clean back yards indicate healthy minds in the house. How is yours?

Really, now, we are just pinning for an opportunity to give you the latest authentic news from the European front. But since none of it is authentic we leave you to group the multitudinous lies to suit your own purposes. We give it up.

Many people would like to be good if they did not miss so much fun in the being.